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FINAL PASSAGE

SB 224 (Goschka)

"Children's Memorial Day"

A bill to declare that the fourth Friday in April of each year shall be known as "Children's Memorial Day." This encourages individuals, educational institutions, social community, religious, labor and business organization to pause on that day and reflect on the precious resource of our children and the great loss we suffer when we lose them.

- SB 224 passed [RC 437: 36 yes, 0 no].

SB 725 (Kuipers)

Senate Bill 725 eliminates the requirement that a township board adopt its budget 60 days before a new fiscal year begins. Under the bill, the 60-day deadline would be eliminated. Instead a township board would be required to adopt its budget for the next fiscal year by passing a resolution before the new fiscal year began. Support: MI Township Assn.

- SB 725 passed [RC 436: 36 yes, 0 no].

HB 4967 (Rocca)

House Bill 4967 requires Macomb County have at least one of the seven members appointed by the county board of commissioners to the County Parks and Recreation Commission be an officer of the homeowners' and property owners' association that represents the largest area geographically and is located within a half-mile of the most frequently used county park.

This bill is designed to give neighborhoods adjacent to Freedom Hill Park more control over what takes place at Freedom Hill County Park. There have been problems with noise, etc. and the homeowners feel they currently have no input on resolving the problem.

The Governor vetoed a substantially similar bill (HB4456) on the grounds that it failed to: 1.) clearly describe the area in which an appointee to the parks and recreation commission could reside, and 2.) apply to all counties (not just Macomb) that might eventually meet the population threshold in the bill. This bill corrects those objections.

- HB 4967 passed with IE [RC 438: 36 yes, 0 no].

THIRD READING

HB 4457 (Rocca)

HB 4457 would revise the parking brake requirement for all parked cars. This bill would change the law to allow a person to either engage a parking brake or place the vehicle in park when parking. Apparently there have been reports of a police officer in Macomb County ticketing parked cars for not engaging the parking brake. This bill would correct that problem. Support: Michigan State Police.

- HB 4457 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.